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MEMORANDUM FOR: Gen. Maxwell B. Taylor,
Chairman, Special Group

FROM: Richard E. Davis, Chairman
Special Working Group

SUBJECT: Fourth Berlin Progress Report - October 18 -
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